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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
**MARCIREAU, et al.**

Examiner: SLOBODYANKSY, Elizabeth

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/744,125

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Title: **MEKK1-INTERACTING FHA  
PROTEIN 1 (MIF1)**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Sirs,

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action issued April 29, 2004 for the above-identified application. A request for a three-month extension of time and the required fee accompany this amendment, extending the period of reply to and including October 29, 2004. Entry of the amendment and reconsideration of all pending claims are respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this amendment to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.